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AVERTING A NURSING STRIKE - GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

FREDERICTON, 2 SEPTEMBER 2004 - The Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) believes that all steps need to be taken to avoid a strike by the Province's nurses who are currently seeking wage parity with their Atlantic counterparts.

"The New Brunswick Nurses Union received an overwhelming mandate from its members (98.1 in favor of a strike) that unless they receive wage parity with their counterparts in Atlantic Canada they will strike. It is unfortunate that the Union and Government have been unable to resume negotiations," said Beth Sparks, NANB president.

"I believe that it is in the best interest of the public to resume negotiation immediately and avoid a strike. The Union has stated that it is willing to negotiate, so too should Government," Ms. Sparks went on to say.

"The health care system and the public can ill afford a strike at this time," she concluded.

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